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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Docket Number (Optional)

1547520/69700

First named inventor: Long, Sr., Robert T.

Application No.: 10/700,159

Art Unit: 3635

Filed: 11/3/2003

Examiner: Gilbert, William V.

Title: Sinuous Composite Connector System

Attention: Office of Petitions

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APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

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- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee -- required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

☒ Small entity-fee \$ 770.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m)).

2. Reply and/or fee

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4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).]

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
) Group Art Unit 3635
Robert Long, Sr.)
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Serial No. 10/700,159) Examiner: William V. Gilbert
Filed: November 3, 2003)
For: Sinuous Composite Connector System)

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**PETITION TO REVIVE ABANDONED APPLICATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF
37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)**

Dear Sir:

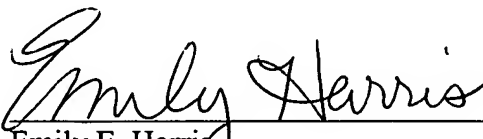
Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to revive the above-identified application under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §137 on the ground that the entire delay and subsequent abandonment of the above-identified application was unintentional. The application is being revived to allow for the submission of a reply to the outstanding office action mailed July 24, 2007. The required response in along with the necessary fees are enclosed.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request that this petition be granted and that the application be reinstated.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: _____

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